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1. DE 32 09 915 A1 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 1 of the specification of the present application.

2. JP 05-054787 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 1 of the specification of the present application.

The following are listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a non-English language:

3. Japanese Patent Laid Open Application No. 05-260628
4. Japanese Patent Laid Open Application No. 10-210631
5. Japanese Patent Laid Open Application No. 11-032415
6. Japanese Patent Laid Open Application No. 11-122752
7. Japanese Patent Laid Open Application No. 11-285132.

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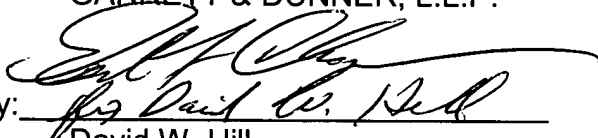
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		JP 11-032415	02/02/1999	Japan			Abstract
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